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Overview

Introduction The *Commonwealth Accounting Policies and Procedures (CAPP) Manual* is written and published by the Department of Accounts (DOA) to provide authoritative guidance on the application of accounting policies, procedures and systems pursuant to Section 2.1-196.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The CAPP Manual provides a standardized approach to fiscal and accounting matters within the authority of the State Comptroller. The manual is organized by Volume, Function, Section, and Topic. Each page of the manual reflects the format presented at the top of this page.

Organization Of The Manual

Volume Volumes are assigned to three core groups as follows:

Volume 1: Policies and Procedures
Volume 2: Classification and Coding Structure
Volume 3: Automated System Applications

Function Within each Volume, specific Functional areas are numbered in increments of ten thousand as follows:

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1	10000	Overview
1	20000	General Accounting
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Section

Each Section carries a number incremented by one hundred and its title represents a facet of an accounting cycle. For example, within Function 20000, *General Accounting*, section numbers and titles appear as follows:

Section No.	Section Title
20100	Appropriations
20200	Cash Receipts Accounting
20300	Cash Disbursements Accounting
20400	Inter-Agency and Intra-Agency Transactions
20500	Accounts Receivable
20600	Federal Grant Management
20700	Indirect Cost Recovery
20800	Loans
20900	Reconciliation Procedures
21000	Records Retention

Topic Number and Topic Title

Topic Numbers and Topic Titles represent the numbers and names associated with a specific section.

Date

The Date is when the referenced policies and/or procedures became effective.

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Organization of a Topic Within each topic, the use of standard headings appears as follows:

OVERVIEW	A brief introduction to the section's topic, explaining the need and purpose of the section's policies and procedures within the context of the State's financial management structure.
POLICY	Concise statement of State policy governing the section's topic.
PROCEDURES	A detailed explanation of the steps and processes involved with the topic. Screen prints, forms, and reports are included where appropriate in each topic. Systems related procedures are limited because they are deferred to Functions 60000 and 70000.
INTERNAL CONTROL	Concise statements specifying internal control requirements relating to the functional area.
RECORDS RETENTION	Requirements and schedule for the disposition of the paper record (if applicable) associated with the functional area
DOA CONTACT	The DOA organizational section and phone number to contact for additional information.
SUBJECT CROSS REFERENCE	Key CAPP topics to review for related procedural guidance, particularly cross referencing between the Classification Codes and Structure and the Automated System Applications topics.

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